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SUBJECT: PROPOSED INCREASE IN IRISH USER CHARGES FOR
ENROUTE AERONAUTICAL COMMUNICATIONS

1. AIRLINE USERS WERE NOTIFIED BY IRISH DEPARTMENT OF
TRANSPORT AND POWER IN 1976 OF PROPOSED INCREASE IN USER
CHARGES LEVIED BY THAT DEPARTMENT FOR EN ROUTE
COMMUNICATIONS BETWEEN AIRCRAFT ON TRANSOCEANIC FLIGHTS
AND SHANWICK RADIO. PROPOSED INCREASE TO 9 PER CONTACT
COMPARES WITH 4.50 CHARGE NOW IN EFFECT. IRISH
GOVERNMENT HAD INTENDED TO IMPLEMENT NEW CHANGE IN
NOVEMBER 1976 BUT DECIDED TO DEFER IMPLEMENTATION OF
INCREASED CHARGE TO APRIL 1, 1977. DECISION TO DEFER
IMPLEMENTATION WAS MADE IN RESPONSE TO REQUEST FROM
INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORT ASSOCIATION (IATA).

2. U.S. AIRLINE USERS OF THESE SERVICES PROVIDED BY
DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER ARE SERIOUSLY
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CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROPOSED 100 INCREASE AND
REPRESENTATIVES OF THOSE AIRLINES PLAN TO MEET WITH
REPRESENTATIVES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER
IN MID-APRIL. WE UNDERSTAND PAA, TWA, SEABOARD AND

PERHAPS NATIONAL WILL BE REPRESENTED. THE IRISH HAVE
INDICATED THEIR WILLINGNESS TO DISCUSS MATTER.

3. USG IS CONCERNED ABOUT PROPOSED CHARGE AS ONE OF THE ESCALATING USER CHARGES LEVIED ON U.S. CARRIERS THROUGHOUT WORLD. INTERNATIONAL AIR TRANSPORTATION FAIR COMPETITIVE PRACTICES ACT OF 1974 REQUIRES U.S. DEPT. OF TRANSPORTATION TO MONITOR WORLDWIDE CHARGES, WITH POSSIBILITY OF IMPOSING COMPENSATORY CHARGES ON FOREIGN AIRCRAFT IF IT FINDS THAT FOREIGN CHARGES ARE UNREASONABLY EXCESSIVE OR ARE OTHERWISE DISCRIMINATORY, AND NEGOTIATION ON CHARGES IS UNSUCCESSFUL.

4. DEPARTMENT REQUESTS THAT EMBASSY MAKE USG CONCERN KNOWN TO IRISH AUTHORITIES (PREFERABLY MR. T. NALLY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORT AND POWER). SPECIFICALLY, U.S. BELIEVES THAT WHERE ANY DOUBT EXISTS IT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF THE CHARGING AUTHORITY TO DEMONSTRATE THAT ITS COSTS ARE JUSTIFIED, AND THAT ITS CHARGES ARE REASONABLY RELATED TO THOSE COSTS, PROPERLY ALLOCATED.

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